



WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:- (AMENDED AUG 06)

1. (Currently Amended) A printhead assembly, comprising:

at least one printhead module comprising at least two printhead integrated circuits, each of which has nozzles formed therein for delivering printing fluid onto the surface of print media, [[a]] one support member supporting, and carrying the printing fluid [[for]]for, the at least two printhead integrated circuits, and at least two flexible printed circuit boards for connecting electrical signals to the at least two printhead integrated circuits;

drive electronics incorporating at least one controller which is connected to at least one of the at least two printhead integrated circuits via the respective flexible printed circuit board for controlling the printing operation of at least one of the at least two printhead integrated circuits; and

a casing in which the at least one printhead module and the drive electronics are removably mounted, wherein the drive electronics is provided on a printed circuit board carrying respective connection ports for receiving, and connecting with, corresponding connecting portions of the flexible printed circuit boards, the at least one printhead module being mounted to the casing so that the connecting portions are directly aligned with the respective connection ports.

2. (Original) A printhead assembly according to claim 1, wherein the printed circuit board of the drive electronics is supported by a support frame of the casing.

3. (Original) A printhead assembly according to claim 2, further comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending electrical conductors removably mounted to the support frame and arranged to provide power from a power supply to the drive electronics and the at least two printhead integrated circuits.

4. (Original) A printhead assembly according to claim 1, wherein power from the plurality of electrical conductors is delivered to the drive electronics and the printhead integrated circuits via the respective flexible printed circuit boards.

5. (Original) A printhead assembly according to claim 1, wherein:

the at least one printhead module is formed as a unitary arrangement of the at least two printhead integrated circuits, the support member, the at least two flexible printed circuit boards, and at least one fluid distribution member mounting the at least two printhead integrated circuits to the support member; and

the support member has at least one longitudinally extending channel for carrying the printing fluid for the printhead integrated circuits and includes a plurality of apertures extending through a wall of the support member arranged so as to direct the printing fluid from the at least one channel to associated nozzles in both, or if more than two, all of the printhead integrated circuits by way of respective ones of the fluid distribution members.

6. (Previously Presented) A printhead assembly according to claim 1, wherein the support member incorporates lugs which cooperate with recesses of the casing so as to provide said direct alignment of the connecting portions and connection ports.